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- 1. EMBOFF MET JANUARY 9 WITH YAHYA MAROOFI, DIRECTOR FOR UN AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO DISCUSS THE DESIRABILITY OF AFGHANISTAN'S ACCEDING TO THE HAGUE AND MONTREAL CONVENTIONS AGAINST HIJACKING. GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/8 OF NOVEMBER 4, 1977, ESPECIALLY OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH THREE, WAS USED AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION.
- 2. MAROOFI WAS RECEPTIVE, NOTING THAT AFGHANISTAN HAD VOTED FOR THE RESOLUTION AND THAT HIS GOVERNMENT VIEWED HIJACKING AS A SERIOUS INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM. HE SAID THAT HIS OFFICE WAS CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CABINET CONSIDERATION CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND CONVENTIONS WHICH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FEELS AFGHANISTAN SHOULD JOIN. EVIDENTLY, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THESE. MAROOFI SAID HE WOULD ADD THE TWO HIJACKING CONVENTIONS TO HIS LIST. HE ALSO REQUESTED THAT WE FURNISH HIM WITH TEXTS OF BOTH IF THESE WERE CONFIDENTIAL

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AVAILABLE.

3. GIVEN MAROOFI'S FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE, I DO NOT FEEL THAT APPROACHES BY THIRD COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE USEFUL AT THIS TIME. WE CAN, OF COURSE, HOLD THIS OPTION IN RESERVE IN CASE IT MAY BE NEEDED LATER. WE WILL FURNISH THE REQUESTED TESTS AND FOLLOW UP.

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